



## Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions

Topic: *The Ten Commandments*:

*Living with God's Design*

Text: Exodus 20:1-17

Service Date: August 2, 2026

Note: The questions are only a starting point for discussion. Don't hesitate to modify, adapt, or highlight only specific ones to fit your group and/or personal study.

### Getting Started

- What is one movie you've seen multiple times and never seem to get tired of watching? What keeps bringing you back to it?

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### Sermon Discussion

- The sermon emphasized that *The Ten Commandments* asks the timeless question, "Who will be the authority in our lives—God or ourselves?" Why do you think that question is still so relevant today?
- In Exodus 20, God reminded Israel that He rescued them before He gave them the commandments. Why is it important to remember that God's grace comes before His guidance?
- Have you ever viewed God's commands as restrictive rather than freeing? What has shaped your perspective on that?
- Romans 3 teaches that God's law reveals our sinfulness. Why is recognizing our own sin an essential step toward appreciating God's grace?
- The Israelites built the golden calf while Moses was receiving God's commandments. What are some "golden calves" that people are tempted to worship in today's culture?
- The sermon stated, "If we do not worship God, we will find something else to worship." Do you agree? Why or why not?
- According to 1 John 5:3, God's commands "are not burdensome." What do you think makes obedience feel joyful rather than burdensome?
- Jesus summarized the Law by saying the greatest commandment is to love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. How does loving God first affect the way we obey His other commands?

- The first four commandments focus on our relationship with God, while the last six focus on our relationships with others. Why do you think God established that order?
- The sermon described God's commands as "guardrails" for our spiritual safety. Can you think of a time when obeying God's Word protected you from unnecessary pain or regret?
- Ramses repeatedly declared, "So it shall be written. So it shall be done," symbolizing human pride and self-rule. What are some ways our culture encourages us to become our own authority instead of submitting to God?
- Which of the sermon's two main takeaways spoke to you more personally: (1) the commandments reveal our sinfulness, or (2) the commandments provide spiritual safety? Why?
- What does true freedom in Christ look like, and how is it different from the world's definition of freedom?

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### **This Week's Action Response**

This week, what is one specific area of your life where you need to surrender to God's authority instead of following your own desires? What practical step will you take to live that out, and how can this group pray for you? In the space below, write it the area and then what steps need to be taken.

Area in which I need to surrender: \_\_\_\_\_

Steps that I will take this week to make that happen: